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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 29 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Western Sahara (S/1998/997)*

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (sanctions review)

Other matters

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* Possibly followed by a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	48th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/53/298/Add.2) [8].
2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee [22]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/306);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.9).

(continued overleaf)

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [34]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/435);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.14).

4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference [26]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/430);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.13).

5. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/419) [35].

6. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community [23]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/275 and Add.1);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.15).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal meeting on agenda item 80 (Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee)

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* Following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the First Committee.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [85] (A/53/127, A/C.4/53/L.8)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93] (A/53/296, A/53/374, A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/69, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/124, A/53/155, A/53/168, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/396, A/53/411, A/53/412, A/53/414, A/53/416, A/53/453)

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/53/267, A/53/512)

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (A/53/407)

Introductory statements and general discussion

3 p.m.-5 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.20

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.19

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93] (A/53/296, A/53/374, A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/69, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/124, A/53/155, A/53/168, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/396, A/53/411, A/53/412, A/53/414, A/53/416, A/53/453)

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/53/267, A/53/512)

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (A/53/407)

Conclusion of general discussion

4. Macroeconomic policy questions [91] (A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/69, A/53/185, A/53/416, A/53/447 and Corr.1, A/C.2/53/4)

(a) Trade and development (A/53/15 (Parts I, II and III), A/53/510, A/53/331, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

Introductory statement by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD

5 p.m.- 6 p.m.	28th meeting (resumed)	Conference Room 2

Presentation by the Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [110] (A/53/58, A/53/74, A/53/75, A/53/77-S/1998/171,A/53/79, A/53/80, A/53/94-S/1998/309, A/53/99-S/1998/344, A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/214, A/53/215, A/53/225-S/1998/747, A/53/343, A/53/404, A/53/425, A/53/489*, A/53/493, A/53/494, A/53/497, A/C.3/53/4, A/C.3/53/5, A/C.3/53/7 and A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/C.3/53/9*)

2. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)] (A/53/40, (Volumes I and II*), A/53/44, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/118, A/53/125, A/53/230, A/53/253, A/53/283, A/53/339, A/53/432, A/53/469)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.15

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118] (A/53/11, A/C.5/53/23, A/C.5/53/24 and A/C.5/53/28)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

Utilization of the development dividend (A/53/374, A/53/7/Add.4 and A/C.5/53/30)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B [145]

General discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

Thematic reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/933, A/52/575, A/52/339 and Add.1, A/52/776, A/52/777, A/52/821, A/52/1010, A/52/1020 and A/53/467)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Joint Inspection Unit [165] (A/51/34, A/52/34, A/51/559 and Corr.1, A/52/206, A/52/267 and A/53/180)

Introduction and general discussion

* To be issued.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	16th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	17th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150] (A/53/10 and Corr.1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Office accommodation at the Palais Wilson
2. Construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa and Bangkok

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the "Implementation of the Outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)" will be held *today*, 29 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Giovanni Vernetti, Deputy Mayor and Commissioner for the Environment and Sustainable Development, Turin, Italy; Mr. Shabbir Cheema, Director, Management Development and Governance Division, UNDP; Mr. Millard Fuller, President, Habitat for Humanity, Professor Robert Geddes, Former President, American Institute of Architects (AIA) (New York Chapter), Professor Emeritus and former Dean, School of Architecture, Princeton University; and Dr. Irene Wiese v. Ofen, President, International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP). Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Director-General, United Nations Office at Nairobi and Acting Executive Director, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), and Mr. Burak Özügergin, Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, will be co-chairs of the panel discussion. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Announcement

The compilation of proposals in connection with draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.8 on the triennial policy is available in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 29 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 37: World Summit for Social Development)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(items 95: Triennial policy review (A/C.2/53/L.8); and item 91 (a): Transit environment in the land-locked States)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

Morning-*1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Third Committee.

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 91 (a): Trade and development; and item 93 (e): Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(items 94: Implementation of the United Nations conventions on environment and development)

3 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(items 95: Triennial policy review (A/C.2/53/L.8))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

Afternoon*6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on illicit traffic in small arms, organized by the delegation of South Africa, *today*, 29 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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A meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency", organized by the delegation of Slovenia, will be held *today*, 29 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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A meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/53/L.13 entitled "Small Arms", organized by the delegation of Japan, will be held *today*, 29 October 1998, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Informal consultations

The informal consultations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) will be held *today*, 29 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 30 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	30th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The coordinator of the draft resolution on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Mr. Busacca (Italy), will hold informal consultations on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A. Copies of the preliminary draft can be obtained in room S-2950.

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, beginning on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, as follows:

On 4 November, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Max van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq); Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance); Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Former Yugoslavia); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar); Mr. Soli Jehangir Sorabjee (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Nigeria); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons);

On 5 November: M. Michel Mousalli (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda); and Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on Torture);

On 6 November: Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia); and Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The 194th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, to review the draft annual report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1998/CRP.1 and CRP.2). The meeting will be open to observers.

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences is open until Monday, 2 November.

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The twentieth meeting of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee will be held on Monday, 2 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 175th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq an Kuwait will be held on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the Press Room.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation, to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 3 p.m. The conference room will be announced in the *Journal*. A revised version of the non-paper is available for pick-up in room DC2-1216.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Seminars

A seminar on the theme "Roll Back Malaria Global Partnership", organized by WHO, UNDP, UNICEF and the World Bank, will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6. Speakers will include Mr. David Nabarro, newly appointed Project Manager of Roll Back Malaria, WHO; Mr. Ok Pannenborg, Sector Leader, Health Population and Nutrition, Africa Region, World Bank; Mr. Kopano Mukelabai, Senior Health Adviser, UNICEF; and a representative from the Social Development and Poverty Elimination Division, UNDP. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "The Impact of Reductions in Working Hours on Employment", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Professor Dr. Gerhard Bosch of the Institut Arbeit und Technik, Germany, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "Accounting for Gender in National Budgets", organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be held on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The main speaker will be Ms. Diane Elson, Special Advisor to the Executive Director, UNIFEM. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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Briefings

Ms. Catherine Bertini, Executive Director of the World Food Programme, will brief delegations of the General Assembly on "Eradicating Hunger", in connection with agenda items 95 (Operational activities for development (relief/development linkages)), 103 (Advancement of Women), 98 (Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)) and 110 (b) (Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms). The briefing will be held on Monday, 2 November 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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The Permanent Representative of Japan, H.E. Mr. Yukio Satoh, will hold a briefing on the outcome of the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II) on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Representatives of TICAD II, the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Coalition for Africa will participate. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 27 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
Twentieth session 8th meeting

The Committee resumed its twentieth session.

The Under-Secretary-General for Public Information introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the development of a United Nations international radio broadcasting capacity (A/AC.198/1998/4).

Wednesday, 28 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

46th plenary meeting

Organization of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: second report of the General Committee (A/53/250/Add.1) [8]

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of the fifty-third session an additional item entitled "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

The Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of the fifty-third session an additional item entitled "Dialogue among civilizations" and to consider the item directly in plenary meeting.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [28]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/458);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.12)

The representative of Spain made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution (A/53/L.12)

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Tunisia, India, Egypt, Malta, Azerbaijan, Andorra, Norway, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, Chile, San Marino, the Russian Federation, Jordan, Uruguay, Namibia, Bolivia, Mexico, Guatemala, Argentina, the Republic of Korea and Armenia.

47th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [28]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/458);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.12)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.12 (resolution 53/13).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 28.

Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the third annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/53/429) [50]

The General Assembly took note of the third annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

The President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Senegal, Norway, the Russian Federation, Lesotho, Austria (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and Costa Rica.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 50.

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: progress report of the Secretary-General (A/53/390 and Add.1) [24]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 24.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Ghana, Botswana, Norway, Brazil, Nigeria (on behalf of the African States), Uganda, the Philippines and the Russian Federation.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 17th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work.

Presentation and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 63 to 80

The representative of India introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.15.

The representative of Japan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.13.

The representative of Qatar made a statement on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.3/Rev.1.

The representative of Brazil introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.37 and statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and Brazil.

The representative of Panama made a statement on behalf of the Rio Group on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.37.

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.17*.

The representative of Sweden introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.20/Rev.1 and a statement was made by the representative of the Netherlands.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.19.

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.36.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.40.

SECOND COMMITTEE 26th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.14

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia introduced the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.14.

Environment and sustainable development [94]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.17

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.17.

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.15

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Indonesia, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as Australia, Canada and New Zealand, introduced the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.15.

The representative of Barbados informed the Committee that Norway had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.16

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Benin introduced, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.16.

Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [98]

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.18

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.18, containing Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/28, entitled "International Year of Microcredit 2005", which was recommended by the Council for adoption by the General Assembly.

Training and research [96]

(a) United Nations University

The Committee began consideration of the item.

An introductory statement was made by the Rector of the United Nations University. The representative of the Joint Inspection Unit made an introductory statement and corrected the report contained in document A/53/392.

Statements were made by the representatives of Venezuela, China, India, Iceland, Turkmenistan, Tunisia, Japan, Canada, Jordan, Haiti and Guyana.

The Rector of the United Nations University made some concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 96 (a).

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [97]

The Committee began consideration of the item.

An introductory statement was made by the Chief of the Regional Commissions New York Office.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, Tunisia, Qatar, Jordan and Israel.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The representative of the International Labour Organization also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 97.

THIRD COMMITTEE 27th meeting

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [107]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Mexico, Norway (also on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Sweden), Ecuador, Guatemala, the United States, Venezuela, Bolivia, Fiji, the Russian Federation, New Zealand, Ukraine and Argentina.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 14th meeting

Human resources management [119]

United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]

The Committee resumed its consideration of agenda item 119.

Human resources management reform

The Secretary-General introduced his report on human resources management reform (A/53/414).

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, Uruguay and New Zealand (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand).

The Secretary-General responded to the comments made.

In connection with the address made by the Secretary-General, statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, Cuba and Costa Rica.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Philippines (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Croatia, the Marshall Islands, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, China, India, Kuwait and Uganda.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 15th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

The Chairman of the Sixth Committee welcomed H. E. Judge Stephen Schwebel, President of the International Court of Justice, Judge Christopher Weeramantry, Vice-President, and Mr. Eduardo Valencia Ospina, Registrar of the Court.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Israel, Venezuela, Malaysia, Indonesia, Mongolia, Ethiopia, China, the Czech Republic, Italy, Germany, India and Argentina.

The President of the International Court of Justice made a statement.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

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1714th and 1715th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Japan (CCPR/ C/115/Add.3).

In accordance with the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Slovenia (27 October 1998)*

International Sugar Agreement, 1992. Geneva, 20 March 1992

Accession: Egypt (20 October 1998)*

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Accession: United Arab Emirates (21 October 1998)*

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Signature: Uganda (28 October 1998)

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Qatar (27 October 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 29 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), is holding a series of panel discussions to take place during the Disarmament Week of 1998 in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. *Today*, 29 October, there will be panels at 10 a.m. on the theme "Implementation of the CTBT and New Initiatives" and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the theme "Nuclear Disarmament: Feasible? Verifiable?"

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Special event

A special event will take place *today*, 29 October 1998, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to launch the volume "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Fifty Years and Beyond" published by Baywood Publishing Company, for and on behalf of the United Nations.

The event is co-sponsored by Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Samoa, South Africa and Sweden, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Department of Public Information, as well as several non-governmental organizations.

The event will include statements of the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other contributors to the book. Ambassador William J. Vanden Heuvel, Chairman, United States Coordinating Committee for UDHR50, will be the guest speaker. All delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Training programme

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library would like to announce the beginning of its fall Internet training programme. To register or for further information, please contact the Library (tel.: 963-7355) or send an e-mail at the following address: dhlpubh@un.org

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